

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-326-C - ORDER NO. 97-998
NOVEMBER 20, 1997

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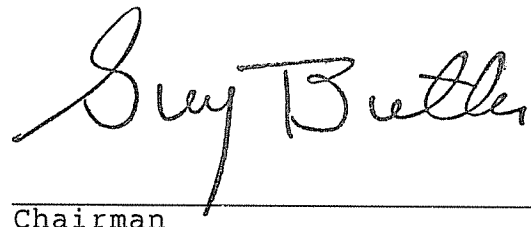
IN RE: Request of GTE South, Inc. to Expand) ORDER
the Local Calling Scope of Lamar.) GRANTING EAS
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for consideration of a request for Extended Area Service (EAS) between the communities of Sumter, Bishopville, and Lamar. After study, we conclude that this is appropriate, and that GTE South, Inc. should implement toll free calling between these communities.

We note that this action, combined with the recent Commission decision in Docket No. 97-125-C, resolves all earnings issues related to GTE South, Inc. through the twelve month period ending June 30, 1997.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Deputy Executive Director

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